

may be forwarded to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, for future appearance in its pages, or placement in the archives of the California Medical Association, for use when the needed history of our Association is compiled.

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, therefore, expresses the hope that in every county society there will be one or more members sufficiently interested in the collection of historical memorabilia to lead them to present a resolution at an early meeting that would bring into being the appointment of a Committee on History, to take up this interesting and much needed work.

**A. M. A. SESSION IN SAN FRANCISCO,
JUNE 13-17; C. M. A. SESSION IN
PASADENA, MAY 9-12, 1938**

American Medical Association Session, June 13-17.—Once again, the California Medical Association will play host when, on Monday, June 13, the American Medical Association will open another five days' session, constituting its eighty-eighth annual convocation. On page 127 of this issue, in the Association news department, is given the list of local committees appointed by Dr. Howard Morrow, president of the California Medical Association and chairman, as delegated, of the Local Committee of Arrangements.

The city of San Francisco, in its handsome civic center buildings, possesses exceptionally good facilities for general and scientific section meetings, and for commercial exhibits. This year's program of papers is yet to be published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, but it may be taken for granted that they will measure up to the highest standards of previous years.

It is unfortunate (to make a contrast) that Los Angeles, through lack of adequate accommodations, is handicapped in so far as conventions of organizations such as the American Medical Association are concerned; for, as a matter of fact, the auditorium and other meeting place facilities of that large city are today really less serviceable and satisfactory than they were in 1911, when the American Medical Association held a session for the first and only time in Los Angeles.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that members of the California Medical Association will make note of the dates for the meeting of the American Medical Association in San Francisco, these being printed on the front cover of each issue of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL, and that a large number of physicians will avail themselves of this rare opportunity to attend, breathe the spirit of an annual session of the great national organization, and by their presence at the scientific and other gatherings partake of the stimulating, intellectual profit that is surely one of the rewards of attendance. A word, also, in regard to hotel accommodations: Members who are looking forward to attend *should request their reservations now.*

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California Medical Association Session, May 9-12.—This year's annual session of the California Medical Association preceding that of the

American Medical Association by about one month, will be held at the Hotel Huntington, Pasadena, commencing on Monday, May 9, and continuing for four days. The formal program will be given in a supplement to the April issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, and, in due time, complete information concerning the scientific and other programs will appear in the OFFICIAL JOURNAL. This famous hostelry has been the scene of former sessions, most pleasantly remembered, because of conveniences made possible by the size of that hotel, and there, also, a large attendance is awaited. Requests for room reservations may be sent to the Hotel Huntington, and should be made without delay.

**CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S
RULING ON PUBLICATION OF CALI-
FORNIA MEDICAL-ECONOMIC
SURVEY REPORT**

For the information of members of the California Medical Association to whom the matter may be of interest, the following item from the *Oakland Tribune* of January 13, 1938, is given space:

STATE MEDICAL SURVEY OPEN TO ALL, SAYS WEBB
*Private Individuals May Print and Circulate
Data, Attorney-General Holds*

"Private individuals may print and circulate complete details of the \$100,000 California medical-economic survey. . . .

"The way for this action was paved today by Attorney-General U. S. Webb in an informal opinion given in reply to a query from Assemblyman John Gee Clark of Los Angeles. . . .

"Webb said that there appeared to be 'no objection to printing any of the matters contained in the report, provided no incorrect statements were made in connection with the publication.'

"The accuracy proviso, he declared, would require any private publisher to designate those sections disapproved by the State Board of Health, to which the final report was submitted.

"Despite outside contributions, Webb ruled, the complete report remains the property of the State, and discretion as to what shall be contained in the official report published by the Board of Health remains with the Board of Health.

"This contention was borne out, Webb said, by a communication from Corrington Gill, Assistant WPA advisor at Washington, D. C., to James B. Sharp, coordinator of statistical projects for the WPA, in which it was pointed out that any individual might avail himself of the data."

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To the informal opinion of Attorney-General Webb of California, noted above, may be added the following clarifying statement from the Federal authorities:

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OCSP-1-11
San Francisco,
January 3, 1938.

Professor Paul A. Dodd,
Department of Economics,
University of California at
Los Angeles, California.

Re: Publication of Medical-Economic Report

Dear Doctor Dodd:

In reply to your request of December 9 relative to publication of the Medical-Economic Report, we are pleased to